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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/19/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/19/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 09/19/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/19/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/19/2005
- Specification filed on 09/19/2005
- Claims filed on 09/19/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/19/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/19/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$215 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
 - The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$50 to complete the search fee. Note
 a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h))
 and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
 - The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$100 to complete the
 examination fee for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27. Note a surcharge will be required if
 submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee
 was not paid before July 1, 2005.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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